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SUBJECT: VISIT OF JAPANESE DEFENSE AGENCY PRESS CLUB TO KOREA

1. JAPANESE DEFENSE AGENCY (JDA) PRESS CLUB HAS SENT LETTER TO KOREAN OVERSEAS INFORMATION SERVICE (KOIS) ASKING THEM TO ARRANGE A TOUR OF KOREAN DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENTS. FACT THAT THIS APPROACH WOULD BE MADE TO KOIS HAS BEEN KNOWN TO EMBASSY SEOUL, USFJ/PAO, AND USFK/PAO FOR SOME MONTHS. ASSUME EMBASSY TOKYO ALSO FULLY INFORMED. USFJ/PAO, USFK/PAO, AND EMBASSY SEOUL HAVE FELT THAT DURING JDA PRESS CLUB TOUR OF KOREAN DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENTS IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR JDA CLUB TO VISIT PANMUNJOM, SECOND DIVISION AT CAMP CASEY, RECEIVE TOUR OF AND BRIEFING ON SECOND DMZ TUNNEL, COVERAGE OF JOINT US-ROK TRAINING, AND POSSIBLE VISIT TO OSAN AIR BASE. FEW JDA PRESS CORPS MEMBERS HAVE VISITED ROK AND FEW HAVE BEEN OUTSIDE JAPAN. IN VIEW RECENT JAPANESE POSITIVE INTEREST IN KOREAN SECURITY QUESTIONS AND IN IMPROVING KOREAN RELATIONSHIP IN GENERAL, EMBASSY SEOUL FEELS JDA PRESS CORPS VISIT PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE AT THIS TIME.

2. KOIS HAS INFORMED USFK/PAO THAT THEY CANNOT FUND JDA TRAVEL OR PROVIDE AIRLIFT. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED FROM MILITARY THAT JDA CANNOT FUND TRAVEL, THEREFORE, UNLESS USAF AIRLIFT PROVIDED, TRIP WILL PROBABLY NOT TAKE PLACE.

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3. EMBASSY SEOUL HAS BEEN ADVISED BY USFK/PAO THAT OASD(PA)/ISA HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER PROVIDING AIRLIFT TO 25 MEMBERS OF JDA PRESS CLUB FOR ITS PLANNED VISIT TO ROK. ASSUMING THAT EMBASSY TOKYO AGREES, EMBASSY SEOUL WOULD REQUEST THAT EA/K CONTACT OASD(PA)/ISA WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT DOD AUTHORIZE USAF AIRLIFT OF JDA PRESS CORPS TO ROK.  
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